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The International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva and has the honor to inform them of the expansion of the free-to-public services offered in the form of Global Databases.

./. It would be appreciated if the Permanent Mission could kindly transmit the enclosed Note C. 8447 to its Intellectual Property Office(s) relevant to WIPO's Global Databases.

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Madam,
Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform your Office of the expansion of the free-to-public services offered in the form of Global Databases.

It is recalled that WIPO hosted patent and brand data collections and with the recent launch of Global Design Database in January 2015, WIPO's Global Databases now cover international data of industrial property relating to patents, trademarks and industrial designs, searchable by PATENTSCOPE, Global Brand Database, and Global Design Database, respectively.

This initiative falls under WIPO's strategic goal to enhance access to, and use of, Intellectual Property (IP) information, knowledge and technologies by the public with a view to promote innovation and to facilitate the management of IP assets in the knowledge-based economy. WIPO is keen to support the business of the national offices of its Member States by offering the possibility to upload their national collections into its databases and thus assist in the global dissemination of this information and to build worldwide respect for national brands.

J. As regards national or regional data collections, PATENTSCOPE currently holds 41 data collections, Global Brand Database currently holds 21 national collections and Global Design Database holds three national collections (see attached list).

I welcome and indeed actively encourage your Office to participate in WIPO's global initiatives, conceived to promote and add value to international IP systems using its search engines with public access worldwide. The International Bureau will welcome its data in almost any format in which it is available and will itself implement conversion procedures required to publish the data in WIPO databases to minimize any impact on its valuable resources. I actively supports open dissemination of data, and in this regard, based on the previous standard Memorandum of Understanding for IP data exchange, the International Bureau has posted an updated edition of general terms and conditions for participating in the IP Data Dissemination initiative (see "News" at URL http://www.wipo.int/global_ip/en/).

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I would appreciate it if your Office could communicate to the International Bureau whether your Office could participate in Global Databases or any further contribution your Office could make. The reply and any comments, enquiries and suggestions should be addressed to the focal point of this project, Mr. Paul Halfpenny, Senior Administrator, Office of the Assistant Director General, Global Infrastructure Sector, by email at: paul.halfpenny@wipo.int.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex: List of National and Regional Collections

National and Regional Collections held in WIPO Global Databases (April 2015)

PATENTSCOPE

Argentina, Bahrain, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Rep., Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Germany, Germany (DDR data), Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Russian Federation (USSR data), Singapore, South Africa, Spain, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam, ARIPO, Eurasian Patent Office, European Patent Office.

Global Brand Database

Algeria, Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Oman, Philippines, Singapore, Switzerland, Tonga, United Arab Emirates, United States of America.

Global Design Database

Canada, New Zealand